

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP

September 1st, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes

Guests: Paul D Robisen, Jack Jeppesen, Wendi Switalski, Caryl Hackett, Mike & Robin Poulsen, Tom Koepke, Lori Kirchuff, Andrea Krouse, Pam Jeppesen, Melissa Bannen, Ken & Brandy Bunting, Shelia Crooks and a few others

Present: Terry Anderson, Amy Laper, Pat Althoff, Tom Jeppesen, Ronda L Snyder

7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Tom made a motion to approve the Agenda. Amy supported the motion. Motion passed
2. Amy made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Tom supported the motion. Motion passed
3. Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pat supported the motion. Motion passed
4. Amy made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,421.97. Tom supported the motion. Motion passed

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Tom made a motion to retain Greg Ransford of Fresh Coast Planning, to help build our ordinances (suggested by our attorney Ron Redick). Amy supported the motion. Motion passed
2. Have Ron (attorney) look in to helping us in hiring a qualified acoustic consultant to help with our Wind Energy Ordinance. Ron suggests we hire Kerrie Standlee of DSA Acoustic Engineer, Inc. He works from a regulatory background. His principal focus has been on drafting wind farm regulations for state agencies. He is not aligned with the wind industry – he helps regulate them instead.
We also received another profile for Rand Acoustics, LLC by Melissa Bannen for consideration. Tom made a motion to table this discussion until we had time to check into Rand Acoustics, LLC. Amy supported the motion. Motion passed and we will discuss this at our next meeting.
3. Wireless deadbolt for South Door. Amy made a motion to approve hiring Blantech to install the deadbolt. Tom supported the motion. Motion passed

4. Should the Township host a Covid-19 vaccination clinic? After being discussed the board has declined to take this on.
5. Renewal of Insurance coverage and adding Terrorism Coverage. Tom made a motion to continue our insurance with Burnham & Flower and add the Casual & Property Limited Terrorism Coverage. Amy supported the motion. Motion passed

Public Comment:

1. IM SAFE Kids: Andrea & Lori came to talk about their program and talk to the residents about donations being crucial to them being about to stay operating. They take care of kids aged from 2 – 17 in both Montcalm and Ionia Counties.
2. Amy let everyone know that taxes are due on Sept 14th
3. Terry wanted to address the board and residents about a rumor going around. He said “I have not signed an agreement with Apex”. He said some day maybe but for right now he has not.
4. Laura Engel spoke about her life and about wind energy
5. Melissa Bannen reiterated how she feels about the wind turbines.
6. Christy of 1990 W Klees Rd. Stanton. Does not want wind turbines in our township
7. Brenda Paris: She is pro-wind and wants everyone to consider the opportunity that wind turbines would bring
8. Shelia Crooks: Talked about how many mean comments people are making towards her on the Internet. She also worries about the health risks associated with wind turbines.
9. Jack Jeppesen: Let everyone know that the flyer from Montcalm Wind had the incorrect day for our Planning Commission meeting. The meeting is on Sept 29 @ 7:00 p.m.
10. Denise Jaglowski: Spoke against wind energy turbines
11. Linda Reynolds: Wants to know why Adam Petersen and Dave Kelsey do not come to our meetings to keep us informed on the happenings of WES. Terry told her Dave is most usually at our meetings but does not know why Adam Petersen doesn't come.

The Township board was given several items on WES for our consideration.

7:49 p.m.: With nothing more to discuss and no other residents wanting to speak Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat supported the motion. Motion passed